

## Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS

## § 414.22

AA stands for anesthesiologist assistant.

AHPB stands for adjusted historical payment basis.

CF stands for conversion factor.

CRNA stands for certified registered nurse anesthetist.

CY stands for calendar year.

FY stands for fiscal year.

GAF stands for geographic adjustment factor.

GPCI stands for geographic practice cost index.

HCPCS stands for CMS Common Procedure Coding System.

Physician services means the following services to the extent that they are covered by Medicare:

(1) Professional services of doctors of medicine and osteopathy (including osteopathic practitioners), doctors of optometry, doctors of podiatry, doctors of dental surgery and dental medicine, and chiropractors.

(2) Supplies and services covered “incident to” physician services (excluding drugs as specified in § 414.36).

(3) Outpatient physical and occupational therapy services if furnished by a person or an entity that is not a Medicare provider of services as defined in § 400.202 of this chapter.

(4) Diagnostic x-ray tests and other diagnostic tests (excluding diagnostic laboratory tests paid under the fee schedule established under section 1833(h) of the Act).

(5) X-ray, radium, and radioactive isotope therapy, including materials and services of technicians.

(6) Antigens, as described in section 1861(s)(2)(G) of the Act.

(7) Bone mass measurement.

RVU stands for relative value unit.

(8) Screening mammography services.

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### § 414.4 Fee schedule areas.

(a) *General.* CMS establishes physician fee schedule areas that generally conform to the geographic localities in existence before January 1, 1992.

(b) *Changes.* CMS announces proposed changes to fee schedule areas in the

FEDERAL REGISTER and provides an opportunity for public comment. After considering public comments, CMS publishes the final changes in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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## Subpart B—Physicians and Other Practitioners

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### § 414.20 Formula for computing fee schedule amounts.

(a) *Participating supplier.* The fee schedule amount for a participating supplier for a physician service as defined in § 414.2 is computed as the product of the following amounts:

(1) The RVUs for the service.

(2) The GAF for the fee schedule area.

(3) The CF.

(b) *Nonparticipating supplier.* The fee schedule amount for a nonparticipating supplier for a physician service as defined in § 414.2 is 95 percent of the fee schedule amount as calculated in paragraph (a) of this section.

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### § 414.21 Medicare payment basis.

Medicare payment is based on the lesser of the actual charge or the applicable fee schedule amount.

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### § 414.22 Relative value units (RVUs).

CMS establishes RVUs for physicians' work, practice expense, and malpractice insurance.

(a) *Physician work RVUs*—(1) *General rule.* Physician work RVUs are established using a relative value scale in which the value of physician work for a particular service is rated relative to the value of work for other physician services.

(2) *Special RVUs for anesthesia and radiology services*—(i) *Anesthesia services.* The rules for determining RVUs for anesthesia services are set forth in § 414.46.

(ii) *Radiology services.* CMS bases the RVUs for all radiology services on the relative value scale developed under section 1834(b)(1)(A) of the Act, with